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## ANGRY GIRL ARMED WITH ACID ATTACKS YOUNG MAN.

Miss Nellie Clark Says Desire for Revenge Caused Her Assault on William P. Cole, Who Had Failed to Keep an Appointment—Both Are Severely Burned and the Young Woman May Lose Her Sight.

### FINAL MEETING IN CANDY STORE TO TALK OVER DIFFERENCES.

Miss Nellie Clark, a Bell Telephone Company operator, threw carbolic acid in the face of William P. Cole, a married man, yesterday afternoon and received most of the fiery liquid in her own face.

Frederick, the young woman as the acid ate into her flesh drew a crowd of several hundred persons when both ran from Huyler's candy store at No. 216 Olive street to the Chemical building opposite.

Both were taken into custody after their injuries had been dressed. They are disgraced for life, and the girl may lose her sight.

Miss Clark is 19 years old and before yesterday's events was representing in appearance. Her home, she said, is at No. 623 North Theresa avenue. Cole gave his age as 23 years, and stated that he was a special agent for the Prudential Insurance Company. He is married and stated that his family is in the East and will return to St. Louis in October. He claimed to live at No. 216 Delmar avenue.

**EXCITED CROWD FOLLOWS THE COUPLE.**

The crowd followed the couple to the Chemical building, and when the first report that a man had dashed carbolic acid into a woman's face was announced, several excited persons shouted "Lynch him! Lynch him!" One person with a hammer was greatly excited and declared that he would brain the man as soon as the police brought him from the building. Manager James P. Cook of the Chemical building overheard the remark and requested the police to clear the corridor. This was done, but many curious persons hung around the entrance until Cole and Miss Clark were brought out.

Cole's office being in the Chemical building, he knew exactly where to go to find a physician. Jumping into an elevator that was just about to ascend, he was taken to the office of Doctor John B. Logan in room No. 25.

Manager Cook assisted Miss Clark to another elevator and she was taken to Doctor H. N. Lyon's office, room No. 68, screaming in agony as the deadly fluid burned into her flesh. She was hysterical, and for nearly an hour could make no statement. When finally she did consent to talk to the police who had gathered about the entrance, she said she was Nellie Clark and that she lived at No. 623 North Theresa avenue.

After Doctors Lyon and Logan had bandaged the faces of the patients and applied lotions to counteract the effects of the drug, Cole was taken to the Four Courts by Policemen Maloney and Miss Clark was conveyed to the City Hospital. At the Four Courts Cole said to Captain Reynolds, reflecting his statement to a reporter for The Republic:

**ACQUAINTANCE BEGAN AT SUMMER GARDEN.**

"I was dragged into this affair through my own folly. My family has been away

all summer. I met this girl at one of the summer gardens. She told me her name was Nellie Clark. I have met her several times since then and had an engagement to meet her again last Sunday night. I did not keep the engagement and this angered her.

"This afternoon I met her at Seventh and Olive streets. I could not talk to her at the time, but told her I would meet her at Huyler's at 2 o'clock. I returned to the candy store at the appointed time and found the girl seated at a table. I sat down opposite her and she asked me why I had not kept my appointment with her on Sunday night. As I started to explain to her, she arose and I comprehended her intention. I threw up my arm to shield my face, as she dashed the acid at me. My arm struck the bottle and I saw that most of the acid had been dashed back into her face. When I felt the burning of the fluid on my face I ran across the street to the Chemical building, where I knew I could find a doctor. If the girl's name is Clark I do not know it. She told me it was Martin.

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"Then I returned to Huyler's to wait for him. I had the acid put in a small jar, such as is used for salves. As I was talking to him, he came and I saw him. I saw him throw the acid at me, and I saw him run away. I followed him across the street and ran into a woman, knocking her down, as I entered the Chemical building. If Cole got anything he deserved it, I am sure.

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## WILLIAM P. COLE'S STATEMENT.

I threw the acid in his face for revenge. He had fooled me. I did not know he was married until after he failed to meet me on Sunday night. If he got anything, he deserved it. I am not sorry.

**NELLIE CLARK'S STATEMENT.**

I got into this affair through my own folly. My family have been in the East all summer, and I met the girl while at one of the summer gardens. She said her name was Nellie Clark. I never knew her by any other name, and believed she lived on my face. I ran across the street to the Chemical building, where I knew I could find a doctor. If the girl's name is Clark I do not know it. She told me it was Martin.

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## PRESIDENT HEARS ABOUT WORLD'S FAIR.

Special Commissioner Barrett Presents to Him Some Details of Exposition Work.

### FINDS INTERESTED LISTENER.

Messrs. Francis, Thompson and Spencer Will See Mr. Roosevelt to-Morrow—Some Foreign Exhibits.

The Republic Bureau, 1415 St. and Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, Sept. 25.—Special Commissioner John Barrett of the St. Louis World's Fair, was one of President Roosevelt's guests this evening at an informal dinner.

Mr. Barrett was at the banquet of the Vermont Fish and Game League some days ago, and was with Vice President Roosevelt when the notification came that President McKinley had been shot.

To-night Commissioner Barrett took occasion to present to the President some details connected with World's Fair matters.

The President showed much more than a polite and perfunctory interest in them. Messrs. Francis, Thompson and Spencer have made an engagement for Friday with the President and will then pay their respects to the new chief executive. Incidentally World's Fair matters will be brought up. They have ample assurance that President Roosevelt is interested in the success of the World's Fair. He has expressed it on many occasions since he entered the White House.

Commissioner Barrett to-day had quite an extended talk with Captain Schroeder, the Governor of Guam, and Assistant Secretary Hackett of the navy. In regard to a suitable exhibit at the Exposition, the Governor of Guam expressed his willingness to return to Guam immediately and would take occasion to see personally that the exhibit of that island is completed and put in readiness for the Exposition. Although this is a small island, with limited products, it holds a unique position and Captain Schroeder is determined that it shall be well represented.

**Japan's Exhibit Assured.**

Commissioner Barrett called on Colonel Edwards, the Chief of the Insular Bureau of the War Department. This officer expressed the greatest interest in the Fair and said that he had taken steps to secure a splendid exhibit from the Philippines.

During his stay in New York Mr. Barrett had an opportunity to meet some of the leading men of Japan. Mr. Furuya, who represents leading commercial exchanges in that country and is semi-officially connected with the Japanese Government, Mr. Furuya was the chief of the Japanese exhibit at the Chicago exposition and promised to see that his country is still better represented at St. Louis.

In New York, also, Mr. Barrett took occasion to see leading representatives of Australia and New Zealand and from them secured assurances of hearty co-operation in Exposition matters.

**WILL VISIT WORLD'S FAIR CITY.**

Washington, Sept. 25.—The delegates to the Pan-American conference, to meet at Mexico City, Oct. 28, have been invited to stop in St. Louis, to spend October 14 and 15 as guests of the World's Fair corporation. The invitation has been accepted.

Among those who will go from Washington are Commissioner Barrett, Charles M. Pepper, W. C. Fox, ex-Senator Davis of West Virginia and V. C. Foster of Illinois.

**ARMY BAND FOR BARRACKS.**

Officials Promise Its Establishment Before World's Fair.

The directors of the Montanile Club received assurances from Washington yesterday that a regular army band will be stationed permanently at Jefferson Barracks and that the forces there will be increased. The communication was in answer to a letter to the Secretary of War asking that such action be taken, and that St. Louis, made the permanent headquarters of the Fourth Cavalry.

While the band cannot be ordered here until the new barracks are in the near future, the letter from Major H. A. Greene, Assistant Adjutant General, and Major J. B. Smith, of the Montanile Club, follows: "Washington, Sept. 21, 1901.—The department is in receipt of your letter of the 19th inst., and in reply to inform you that the decision communicated to you by telegram of the 20th inst. has been approved. The department is ordering headquarters of the Fourth Cavalry to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, Mo., as soon as the barracks are completed. It is intended that ultimately a band shall be stationed at that point, with the same headquarters as the headquarters of the Fourth Cavalry."

**OFFER TO AID WORLD'S FAIR.**

West End Business Men Appoint a Committee.

At a meeting of the West End Business Men's Association, held last night at Hartman's Hall, No. 1108 Vandeventer avenue, steps were taken to secure the co-operation of West End business men with World's Fair management.

A committee, consisting of Judge William J. Hanley, Charles F. Ziebold, Ben E. W. Ruler, Emil Hartman, D. C. Donovan and Arthur H. Bower, was appointed to call on Secretary Walter Waters, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, and tender the services of the West End Business Men's Association to the World's Fair directors.

**GUAM AT WORLD'S FAIR.**

Governor Schroeder Discusses an Exhibit With Mr. Barrett.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Commander Seaton Schroeder, Governor of Guam, who was summoned to this city to appear before the Schley court of inquiry, had an interview at the Navy Department to-day with Acting Secretary Hackett and Mr. Barrett, foreign representative of the World's Fair, in regard to securing an exhibit of the natural resources of the island of Guam for the World's Fair.

Several conferences of influential producers of lead ore reported to have been held in Chicago recently and it is stated that the movement has taken definite form.

**REUNITED AFTER MANY YEARS.**

Mrs. James Casey Finds Her Father After Persistent Search.

A special telegram to The Republic from Medora, Ill., states that Frank Kiechle of Arenville, Ill., and his daughter, Mrs. James Casey of St. Louis, were united yesterday after having been lost to each other for twenty-three years.

Years ago, when the Kiechles were residents of Chandler, Ill., Mrs. Casey, then an infant, was, at her mother's death, placed in an orphanage at Quincy, Ill. After several years the child was removed without her father's knowledge to an institution near Chicago. She grew up there, and was married to James Casey.

In the meantime, Kiechle searched in vain for his daughter. No one was able to give him any information as to her whereabouts. A few years ago he located at Arenville. While on a visit to Chandler, he learned that his daughter was in Chicago. He called on her parent on the long-distance telephone, and arranged for the reunion, which took place yesterday.

**TWO WEDDINGS AT MARSHALL, ILL.**

Republic Special.

Marshall, Ill., Sept. 25.—Patrick J. Madden and Miss Ida M. Shuey, both of this city, were married this morning. Charles Bradley, Vice President of the World's Fair, and Miss Shuey were the bridesmaids. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Hickman, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of this city.

**MISS MOLLY POWELL.**

Principals in the tragedy at Rolla, Mo.

Rolla, Mo., Sept. 25.—The body of J. S. Crosswell, who yesterday shot and killed Miss Molly Powell, and then when he was about to be arrested shot himself, will be sent to his former home in Cambridge, Mass.

Funeral services over the body were held to-night at the passenger station, where the coffin had been taken to await a train.

**KROEGER BROUGHT HOME.**

Accused St. Louis Man Has Arrived From Mexico.

One year from the day he arrived in Monterey, Mexico, as a fugitive from justice, charged with embezzlement, Adolph Kroeger, formerly cashier and bookkeeper of the Crown Coal and Lumber Company, was returned to St. Louis yesterday evening by Detective C. E. Ferrin of Tulsa Detective service company. After being turned over to Deputy Sheriff Nicholas at the Four Courts he was released by Judge Walter B. Douglas on a bond for \$5,000.



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## MRS. ROOSEVELT AND CHILDREN JOIN THE PRESIDENT AT THEIR WHITE HOUSE HOME.

Washington, Sept. 25.—For the first time in five years the clatter of children was heard to-night in the White House. President Roosevelt and his family are together.

Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by her daughter Ethel and her son Kermit, arrived in Washington at half-past 9 o'clock. They were met at the railroad station by Lieutenant Colonel Bingham, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, representing the President. A White House carriage was occupied by Mrs. Roosevelt and the two children; Lieutenant Colonel Bingham used another carriage, and the governess and maid of the first lady of the land were placed in a third carriage. The party was driven rapidly to the White House.

President Roosevelt was unable to go to the station to greet his wife and children. He had at dinner several gentlemen, including Mr. John Barrett and Mr. Henry Luce of Boston, and they had only left him a few minutes when he was advised that the carriage bringing his family had just entered the White House grounds.

The President immediately hurried to the portico and affectionately greeted his little girl and boy, who had lovingly thrown their arms around his neck, and Mrs. Roosevelt.

When the President had extricated himself from the embrace of his youngsters, he and Mrs. Roosevelt entered the White House, followed by the children, the governess and the maid bringing up the rear. The children carried bundles. Kermit clutching a basket which apparently contained a pet of some kind.

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